

OREGONIANS ARE READY FOR A NEW DIRECTION

Under the leadership of President Bush and his Republican allies in Congress, life has become more difficult for Oregonians. Here are some of the ways that life has become less affordable and secure in Oregon. Democrats are working for real security, better jobs, college access for all, energy independence, affordable health care, and retirement security. It's time for a new direction in Oregon.

INCOME: OREGONIANS ARE EARNING LESS TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO

- In 2000, the median income in Oregon was \$47,878.¹
- In 2005, the median income in Oregon was \$43,262, a significant drop of 9.6 percent.²

HEALTH CARE: THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED IN OREGON HAS GROWN UNDER BUSH REPUBLICANS

- In 2000, Oregon had 423,000 adults without insurance (12.5 percent).³
- In 2005, Oregon had 579,000 adults without insurance (16.0 percent).⁴
- Oregon had 52,722 children benefit from the SCHIP Program.⁵

EDUCATION: THE COST OF COLLEGE CONTINUES TO RISE IN OREGON

- In 2001, tuition at a public four-year institution in Oregon was \$9,397.⁶ In 2005, it was \$12,177, a 30 percent increase.⁷
- In 2001, tuition at a private four-year institution in Oregon was \$23,306.⁸ In 2005, it was \$27,493, a 18 percent increase.⁹
- Number of Oregonians affected by the lapse of the College Tuition Tax Deduction – 53,264¹⁰
- Number of Oregonians affected by the lapse of the Educator Expenses Tax Deduction – 33,171¹¹

GAS PRICES: THE HIGH COST OF GAS CONTINUES TO BE A BURDEN FOR OREGON RESIDENTS

- In 2001, the average cost of gas in Oregon was \$1.481 a gallon.¹²
- Today the average cost of gas in Oregon is \$2.771 a gallon.¹³
- In 2001, the average annual cost of gas for a household in Oregon was \$1,840.¹⁴
- Today the average annual cost of gas for a household in Oregon is \$3,443, \$1,603 (87.1 percent) more than it was in 2001.¹⁵

SOCIAL SECURITY: OREGONIANS DON'T WANT AN END TO SOCIAL SECURITY

- Number of Social Security Beneficiaries in Oregon – 611,490¹⁶
- Average Monthly Benefit per Beneficiary in Oregon – \$896¹⁷

IRAQ, TROOPS AND VETERANS: OREGONIANS ON THE FRONT LINES

- Number of Oregonians killed in Iraq – 44¹⁸
- Number of Oregonians wounded in Iraq – 355¹⁹
- Number of Oregonians killed in Afghanistan – 8²⁰
- Number of Oregonians wounded in Afghanistan – 17²¹
- Number of Veterans in Oregon – 366,780²²

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR GIVEAWAYS FOR A WEALTHY MINORITY WHILE IGNORING OREGON'S MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS

- Only 408 estates in Oregon paid an Estate Tax in 2004.²³
- Only 65 estates in Oregon will benefit from the Estate Tax cut in 2009.²⁴

CRIME: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING DISAPPEARING

- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2002 – \$8,295,804²⁵
- Amount of COPS Funding Dispersed in 2006 – \$2,505,645²⁶

TAX CUTS: BUSH TAX POLICIES BENEFIT THE WEALTHIEST OREGONIANS

The Bush tax cuts have overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest Oregonians.

- In 2001, the richest one percent of Oregon residents each received an average of \$2,174 in tax cuts, while middle class Oregon residents received only \$362.²⁷
- In 2006, the richest one percent of Oregon residents will receive an average of \$28,063 in tax cuts, while middle class Oregon residents will only receive \$691.²⁸
- In 2010, under the Bush tax plan, the richest one percent of Oregon residents will each receive an average of \$59,996 in tax cuts, while middle class Oregon residents will only receive \$777.²⁹

The richest Oregonians receive an ever-growing share of the Bush tax cut.

- In 2001, the richest Oregonians received 5.5 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class received 17.9 percent of the tax cut.³⁰
- But, in 2006, the richest Oregonians will get 22.7 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 11.2 percent of the tax cut.³¹
- And, in 2010, the richest Oregonians will get 43.0 percent of the Bush tax cut, while the middle class will get 11.2 percent of the tax cut.³²

Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest Oregonians.

- In 2010, the richest Oregonians will receive an average of \$11,011 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That means the richest Oregonians will be getting over 43.3% percent of all of the tax cut benefit.³³
- In contrast, in 2010, middle class Oregonians will receive an average of \$39 from the Bush capital gains and dividend tax cuts. That's just 3.1 percent of the benefit going to the middle class.³⁴

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